

To-day's
Advertisements.



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TONIGHT, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [14b]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPOON COMPETITION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 27th instant, at 2.45 p.m., Ranges, -700 and 800 yards, 10 Shots and 1 Sight.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [147]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 28th instant and 1st February.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

DOUGLAS JONES,
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Secretary.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [17b]

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"N.Y."
60, This Office.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [16b]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

THE sunken obstructions North and South of Stonecutters' Island notice of which was given in Government Notification No. 723 of 2nd December, 1899, will continue in the positions named until 28th February next.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Reid, Condr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [16b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"KWANGSEE."

Captain Harris, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [16b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [16b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th February, at 3 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [16b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIAN."

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th February.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Captain Grier, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 6th March.

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Intimation.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1900.

SPIONSKOP TAKEN.

Sir Thomas Jackson courteously informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram to the effect that Spionskop has been taken by the British troops.

There is a rumour in circulation to the effect that Ladysmith has been relieved, but this we have been unable to substantiate. We have seen a man, who has seen a man, who has seen the telegram, but for the last few weeks we have met many of these well-informed persons, and the news is evidently too good to be true just yet. We shall hear it in a few days, through.

TELEGRAMS.

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SUCCESSOR TO THE EMPEROR
APPOINTED.

TIENTSIN, January 26th.

Pu Chen has been appointed by Imperial Edict to be successor to the Emperor Kwang Hsu.

Received at 5.00 p.m.

Published at 5.30 p.m.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE

THE WAR.

Natal:

LONDON, January 24th.

General Buller telegraphs under date 23rd instant that General Warren holds the positions gained on the 21st and will attempt to seize the enemy's salient position at Spionskop on the night of the 23rd.

**THE POWERS AND THE "OPEN
DOOR" IN CHINA.**

All the Powers consulted have sent to Washington, a written Agreement insuring the "open door" to American trade with China.

LATER.

Natal:

Nothing has been received from General Buller. The anxiety is intense.

Sortie from Kimberley.

A sortie from Kimberley on the 22nd instant evoked a furious fire all round showing that there was no relaxation of the siege. No casualties occurred.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE SERVICE.

Bridges Mined.

The Times Correspondent at Lourenço Marques says that the bridges of the Natal and Free State railways have been undermined and will be destroyed as soon as retreat becomes necessary.

**Boer Violation of Portuguese
Neutrality.**

The Daily Mail Correspondent at Lisbon states that the Boers have committed a breach of neutrality by crossing Portuguese territory into Rhodesia. Artillery has been sent from Lourenço Marques and reinforcements are leaving Lisbon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE yacht Geisha is for sale, as announced in our advertising columns.

WEDNESDAY, the 31st inst., being Chinese New Year's Day, the Post Office will be closed. The night box will be left open.

We are requested to state that the Band of the Hongkong Regiment will not play on Sunday afternoon at Kowloon until further notice.

TO-MORROW afternoon, on the Happy Valley, in the second round of the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, the Royal Engineers will play H Company, R.W.F. Kick-off at 4 o'clock. Referee:-Mr. Mayson.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Mr. Cecil Gaitland Trotter, of the F.M.S. Civil Service, and Miss Eva Gertrude (Waddie), third daughter of the late Captain George Vaughan-Wardell, 4th Regiment.

ADMIRAL Sir Henry Keppel is expected to return to Singapore from his visit to Barneio about the end of the month. He will accompany Sir Alexei, Sweenham to Penang, and from thence he will proceed home by the mail.

SECRETARY Hay has recommended in his report to Congress on the diplomatic service that the salaries of the American Ambassadors at European Courts be increased, and that the Consular Service throughout the world be better paid and enlarged.

THE Government of India has under consideration a somewhat comprehensive scheme for the establishment of research laboratories in various parts of India, and the appointment of Health Officers in the charge of them. This excerpt refers to purely "bacteriological" investigations.

THE third engineer of the Russian transport Orel died suddenly on board at Singapore on the 18th inst. from the bursting of a blood-vessel. The remains were brought ashore and buried the same afternoon in the cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. Stephen Walker.

THERE will be a football match at Causeway Bay between the Hongkong Engineer's F.C. and 3rd Co., S.D., R.A., to-morrow. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The following will play for the Engineers:-G. Moore, Dyer, Lapsley, Tandy, Ritchie, Noble, Blades, Henton, Smilie, McKenzie, and Duncan.

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His Lordship—Do you urge that both parties are liable to pay the same damages?

Mr. Slade—I urge that each is liable for the whole amount.

His Lordship—Do you suggest that the amount should be the same in each case?

Mr. Slade—Legally, they are in precisely the same position. One is neither more nor less liable for damages than the other. The proprietor and the editor, the proprietor and the printer, all are equally liable.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1900.

In the olden days the Press was more or less gagged. Now a newspaper can publish what it pleases, subject to taking the legal consequences of any libel which may contain.

As regards, therefore, the second Defendant if you find that he was the printer and publisher of this libel, and assess the damages there can be no doubt of his liability.

Passing to the case of the first Defendant it has been argued that although he is one of the proprietors of the paper, yet that having entered into a contract with the second Defendant, which it is alleged makes the second Defendant lessee of the paper, on payment of an annual sum of \$2,000 to the proprietors, the first Defendant cannot be held civilly liable for any libel appearing in the paper. The document has been put in evidence and it will be for you to judge whether it is a genuine and *bona fide* document. Assuming that it is, it remains for me to lay down my view of the law in the circumstances. Lord Kenyon, in the case of Rex v. Walter, 3rd Espione's Reports, p. 21, said, "he was clearly of opinion that the proprietor of a newspaper was answerable criminally as well as civilly for the acts of his servants or agents for misconduct in conducting a newspaper."

So far as *civil* liability no alteration has been made in the law from that date referring to a proprietor from such a liability. Then Lord Tenterden, in Rex v. Gutch and others, in 1829, reported in 1st Maudy and Maitkin's Reports, p. 433 adopts at p. 437 the same view and says it is conformable to principle and common sense. "Surely," says he, "a person who derives profit from and who furnishes means for carrying on the concern and interests the publication to one whom he selects and in whom he confides, may be said to cause to be published what actually appears although you cannot show that he was individually concerned in the particular publication. It would be exceedingly dangerous to hold otherwise, for then an irresponsible person might be put forward and the person really producing the publication and without whom it would not be published might remain behind and escape altogether. In the present case the first Defendant is admitted to be one of the proprietors, and I cannot hold that because he and his partners (to whom the paper belonged long before this arrangement with the second Defendant) receive a fixed revenue of \$2,000 dollars, per annum from the newspaper instead of a sum varying from year to year, according to the earnings of the paper, therefore, he is absolved from all civil liabilities for any libels inserted in the paper. What is the second Defendant but the agent of the first Defendant to carry on and keep alive the proprietor's newspaper? The proprietors can get rid of the second Defendant if they do not approve of his conduct of their paper. The letting is for no fixed number of years even. The payment of 2,000 dollars is to be made yearly, but no time is fixed for the duration of the agreement, which indeed is not even signed by the first Defendant or his co-proprietors but only by the second Defendant. To hold that an arrangement of that kind can absolve the proprietors from civil liability would open a most dangerous door to putting forward irresponsible persons, so-called lessers, while the real proprietors are deriving profits whether fixed or otherwise from the paper itself."

I hold, therefore, in point of law the arrangement in question does not absolve the first Defendant from his civil liability for any libel in the paper. Will you, therefore, Gentlemen, find such verdict as you think right with regard to the first and also to the second Defendant, and assess such damages as you think right and proper in all the circumstances of the case, taking with you the papers which have been given in evidence in the case."

The Jury retired and in a few minutes returned into Court and gave a verdict for the Plaintiff against both Defendants for \$1,370.

On Mr. Slade's application Judgment with costs was therefore entered for the Plaintiff.

Through the condensation necessary in all reports of lengthy cases, there was some obscurity in a paragraph of our yesterday's issue, regarding this case.

Some of our readers might have been led to believe that the present Italian Consul or his Chinese despatch writer (interpreter) was the author of the article complained of by Mr. Nervigia. Of course this was not the case. There were two Chinese letters mentioned during the proceedings, one from Canton attacking Mr. Nervigia, which brought on the case; and another taken to the Italian Consulate containing a rectification of the mis-statements of the former.

DESCRIPTION OF METHUEN'S BATTLE.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

The special correspondent of the *Daily News* says that with the exception of those left to guard the Modder River Camp, the whole force was moved forward, and the attack was opened at 3.20 a.m. this (Monday) morning by the Highland Brigade. In front were the Seaforths (2nd Battalion), the Argylls (1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland), the Black Watch (2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders), with the Gordons and the Highland Light Infantry in support.

The men marched in quarter column. The Gordons had reached within two hundred yards of the Boer trenches, when a deadly fire was opened on the front and right flank.

Here about two hundred of the men were mown down, and those leading were forced to retire.

THE GUNS TO THE RESCUE.

The reserve was then brought up, but also failed to carry the kopje, and the right flank was thus in serious jeopardy. The guns, however, dashed up to the rescue, and protected by their fire, our shattered force was able to retire. Our 47 inch naval gun opened on the enemy at 6 a.m. When our right flank was threatened, two squadrons of the 12th Lancers were dismounted and skirmished through some bushy country, clearing and holding it till the afternoon. Our terrific artillery fire provoked no response, except from the enemy's rifles.

A SECOND UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO STORM THE TRENCHES.

All our efforts to carry the position having failed, the action at mid-day sank into a desultory artillery fire, with the exception of some sharp skirmishing on the right flank. At 3.45 p.m. the Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje, but the Boers, who had made no use of their artillery during the whole day, opened on them as they advanced with a heavy shrapnel fire. The Brigade was immediately forced to retire again, and the fight between the guns continued until dark.

The losses on both sides have been very severe. Many Boers were killed in the trenches and wire entanglements.

THE BOER TRENCHES.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent reports

that the British found the Boers occupying a large kopje, but at the foot they had built trenches at a level with the veldt, and from these they attacked our force. The trenches extended far beyond the kopje on the open plain, all hidden by screens of leaves, while the ones near the kopje were guarded by a double line

of barbed wire. It was evident they feared our storming and bayonet attack.

THE EFFECT OF LYDDITE.

The Boers employed only one gun until sunset, when a few rounds were fired from four guns. Poor prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, and only five escaped unharmed. Others burst in the langer, causing its complete destruction. The battle was very like the Modder River one, the Boers and the trenches in each case being both invisible.

The Boers are in still larger force than at the Modder, outnumbering us by almost three to one. Transvaalers are apparently in domination, the council of the force, though in a minority.

THE ARTILLERY PREPARATIONS.

The special correspondent of the *Standard* asserts that no precaution that could be dictated by prudence had been overlooked.

On Saturday the kopjes occupied by the Boers were heavily shelled by the Naval Brigade, and on Sunday the howitzer battery and others, with the naval 4.7 gun, poured a hot fire into the enemy's langer and kopjes. The latter operation was planned in the way best calculated to demoralise the enemy. The naval gun was posted to the west of the railway and the batteries to the east, with the Northamptonshire Regiments, the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the cavalry in support. The whole of the artillery shelled the position, almost without intermission, until night, the howitzers and naval gun using lyddite with destructive effect. The enemy, however, made but a feeble attempt to reply with the twelve guns at their disposal.

A MIDNIGHT MOVEMENT.

At midnight on Sunday, the Highland Light Infantry, consisting of the 1st Highland Light Infantry, the 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Royal Highlanders, and the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, were ordered to move on the enemy's position. They were led thither by guides, through a night the darkness of which was intensified by a heavy rainfall.

THE HIGHLANDERS SURPRISED IN THE DARKNESS.

Twenty minutes past three, while they were still in quarter column, they encountered a terrific fire from the trenches at the base of the kopjes in the occupation of the Boers. Although it was not yet daylight, the enemy's volleys did tremendous execution at a point-blank range of 300 yards.

THE LOSS OF THE BLACK WATCH.

The Brigade was compelled to fall back, after suffering heavy loss. The old 42nd (the Black Watch) could, on reforming, muster only 160 men.

BOERS' DESTRUCTIVE RIFLE FIRE.

Nothing more could be done until the rest of the main body had come up. Then, at daybreak, the artillery, consisting of 31 guns, began a bombardment which lasted throughout the day, the howitzers as before, throwing their heavy lyddite shells. The enemy made no attempt to reply with their guns until the evening, when a few shells were sent among the troops. But though their artillery was virtually silent, their rifle fire was so persistent, concentrated, and well aimed that it was absolutely impossible for our infantry to take their position by assault.

THE ENEMY PRACTICALLY INVISIBLE.

A detachment of Boers, posted among some thick bushes to the east, kept up a most destructive fire on our right, and with that remarkable talent for taking cover which they have displayed throughout, the enemy were, generally speaking, practically invisible.

GORDONS SENT FORWARD.

In the course of the forenoon, the 1st Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders were sent to the front by Lord Methuen, and advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the enemy's centre, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highland Brigade. It was, however, physically impossible even for the troops to take the enemy's trenches. The Boers had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered sufficient obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the fire of our Artillery.

This (Tuesday) morning both sides, occupy the positions they held before the fight. A special word of commendation is due to the Artillery, who had the hardest work to do, and did it in a manner worthy of their best traditions.

HUNDREDS OF DEAD AND DYING LEFT ON THE VELD.

The *Times* correspondent says that the Highland Brigade, under General Wauchop, marched in quarter column to within 150 yards of the Boer trenches. They were beginning to extend when the enemy poured a terrific fire into them, and the entire brigade, after attempting a charge which failed, retreated, leaving hundreds on the veldt. Had not the Boer shooting been high, our loss would have been heavier.

As soon as there was sufficient daylight, a continuous and concentrated artillery fire was directed on the trenches. Lyddite being used with tremendous effect. In the afternoon the Gordons advanced within 150 yards of the enemy, opening a hot fire from the entire line.

TERrible LYNNING OUTRAGE.

A KENTUCKY NEGRO ROASTED TO DEATH.

An exceptionally terrible lynching outrage was committed on Tuesday evening at the town of Maysfield, Kentucky. The victim was a negro named Coleman, who had been arrested. A mob, numbering quite a thousand white men, attacked the jail, overpowered the guard, and dragged out Coleman from his cell. They carried the writhing negro to the outskirts of the town, tied him to a sapling, piled faggots around him, tortured him in a most disgusting and shocking fashion, and then roasted him to death. No arrests have been made—Central News.

AN OFFICER POISONED AT POONA.

A young Civil Engineer has died from arsenic poisoning at the Thompson Civil Engineering College, Poona. Mr. Cyril V. E. Pringle at a dinner the other week partook with a number of other diners, of some tinned salmon, and the following day several gentlemen were taken suddenly ill. Mr. Pringle among them. The others recovered, but notwithstanding the assiduous care of Major Dawson, the Civil Surgeon, Major O'Sullivan, the army medical officer, Assistant-Surgeon Thompson of the Army Hospital, Mr. Pringle after rallying once or twice succumbed on Friday night. The deceased was buried with military honours on Saturday, the coffin enshrouded in the Union Jack, being borne to the cemetery on an artillery gun carriage. Colonel Chisholm, R.E., the Principal, all the other officers, R.E., Officers, and the whole of the College staff with the students Civil and Military attended the funeral. The Engineering College, Workshops, Foundries, Office, &c., were closed as a mark of respect to the deceased who was a very popular and promising young officer of exceptional ability. He was only 20 years of age.

MORE LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

LITTLE PEN PICTURES OF THE WAR SENT BY "TOMMY" TO HIS FRIENDS.

A private in the 1st King's Royal Rifles writes, after the battle of Elands Laagte, to a friend at Preston:—"I must give a word of praise to the cavalry, who performed the finishing stroke. I tell you it was a great, but a terrible sight to see those horsemen hew their way through the Boers with their swords. Three times they rode right through the Boers, hacking, cutting, slashing. We had suffered pretty severely, and I suppose we got out backs up a bit. Anyhow we got even with Joubert's men."

"Dear—, it's very terrible, is this war?" the letter proceeds. "I saw several Boers whose heads had been cut right off by our cavalry men's swords. It is ghastly, isn't it? But it's the plain truth. Some of the Boers had died in praying attitudes. Many, I was told by a friend in the 5th Lancasters, lay their arms as soon as they saw the flash of the lances, and clasping their hands above their heads begged for mercy. But they had shown no mercy to our men; some day, if I'm spared, I will tell you some incidents of how the Boers behaved to our men—killing and hammering our wounded as they lay on the field—and this was our revenge."

"Do you know what I should like more than anything else?" this interesting letter continues. "Well that's a good sleep in a hot bath. And, oh, how nice it will be to sleep in a bed again!"

A pathetic incident at Elands Laagte is described in a letter from one of the bearer company: "We were out looking after the wounded at night when the fight was over, when I came across an old, white-bearded Boer. He was lying behind a bit of rock supporting himself on his elbows. I was a bit wary of the old fellow at first. Some of these wounded Boers, we're found, are snakes in the grass. You go up to them with the best intentions, and the next thing you know is that the man you were going to succour is blazing in your hands."

"So," the letter goes on, "I kept my eye on the old chap." But when I got nearer I saw that he was too far gone to raise his rifle. He was gasping hard for breath, and I saw he was not long for this world. He motioned to me that he wanted to speak, and I bent over him. He asked me to go and find his son—a boy of thirteen who had been fighting by his side when he fell."

"Well, I did as he asked me," continues the writer, "and under a heap of wounded I found the poor lad, stone dead, and I carried him back to his father. Well, you know I'm not a chicken-hearted sort of a fellow. I have seen a bit of fighting in my time, and that sort of thing knocks all the softness out of a chap."

"But," this correspondent confesses, "I had to turn away when that old Boer saw his dead lad. He hugged the body to him and moaned over it, and carried on—in a way that fetched a big lump in my throat. Until that very moment I never thought how horrible war is. I never wanted to see another shot fired. And when I looked round again the old Boer was dead, clasping the cold hand of his dead boy. I haven't got that tobacco—promised to send me. Hope I shall have a good little smoke before Christmas. I found a little bag of Cape tobacco last night that some Boer had dropped as he was running away. But it doesn't taste like the stuff at home."

Captain W. S. Stalker, of the steamship *Kwongsing*, from Wuhu, reports:—Fresh N.E. wind and rough sea throughout.

Captain Mackenzie, of the steamship *Kwongsing*, from Wuhu, reports:—Light southerly winds from Yangtze to Ilieshan, from Ilieshan to port strong monsoon, high sea and dull cloudy weather.

Captain W. Jamieson, of the steamship *Chiyuan*, from Shanghai, via Swatow, reports:—Light winds and calms with fine weather to Chapel Island, from Chapel Island to Swatow strong N.E. wind and dense fog. Swatow to Hong Kong strong easterly winds, high sea, dull and overcast. Vessels in Amoy on the 23rd inst.

Captain S. Gibson, of the steamship *Haihong*, from Coast Ports, reports:—Tamsui to Amoy light northerly winds, smooth sea and variable weather. Amoy to Lamock light variable winds and weather. Lamock to Swatow strong N.E. wind and dense fog. Swatow to Hong Kong strong easterly winds, high sea, dull and overcast. Vessels in Amoy on the 23rd inst.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Saint Irene* has arrived at Yokohama and sailed for Tacoma on the 25th inst.

The Pacific Mail chartered steamer *Algoa* with mails &c. left San Francisco for this port via Japan Pots, on the 22nd inst.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Kagoshima Maru* (via Swatow) left Kobe, via Moji for this port on the 24th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 31st inst.

The steamer *Tecumseh* from Glasgow and Liverpool left Singapore for this port on Thursday 25th inst. afternoon and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaelic* with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 6th inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning, via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected" are now published in these columns, and in this respect, we would advise shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Names. **From.** **Due.**

Laos Saigon Jan. 28th

Ceylon Singapore Jan. 28th

Chusan Singapore Jan. 30th

Bremar Singapore Jan. 30th

Radhoush Singapore Jan. 30th

Asturia Singapore Jan. 30th

Tucuk Singapore Jan. 31st

Kagoshima Maru Moji Jan. 31st

Gochi Japan Feb. 3rd

City of London Japan Feb. 10th

Siki Japan Feb. 10th

Hongkong Maru San Francisco Feb. 13th

Algoa Japan Feb. 20th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected" are now published in these columns, and in this respect, we would advise shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information every day.

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—30th December—Asturia.

Bengaluru, St. Jerome, Indus, Dart, Laotakura, Lyra, Ceylon, 2nd January—Ceylon.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO,
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th January to the 1st February inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [168]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

Agents for

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [169]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Fetter Street, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th of February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Account to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th instant to the 7th February, both day inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [168]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation, will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

By order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [169]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which Period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [169]

For Sale.

CHEAP SALE.

A PLANO equal to New, on Board H.L.G.M.S.
Hertha.

For Particulars, apply to

EDM. JOHANNSEN,

Duddell Street, No. 2,

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1900. [169]

Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1900. [169]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON,
1900:

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA-DIRECT.

FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH
AND LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

LEAVE.

STEAMERS. TONS. LEAVE.

Tons. S'hai. H'kong. Sp'ore.

Paramatta. 4,866 Mar. 27 Mar. 31 April 6

Masilia ... 5,026 April 10 April 14 April 20

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

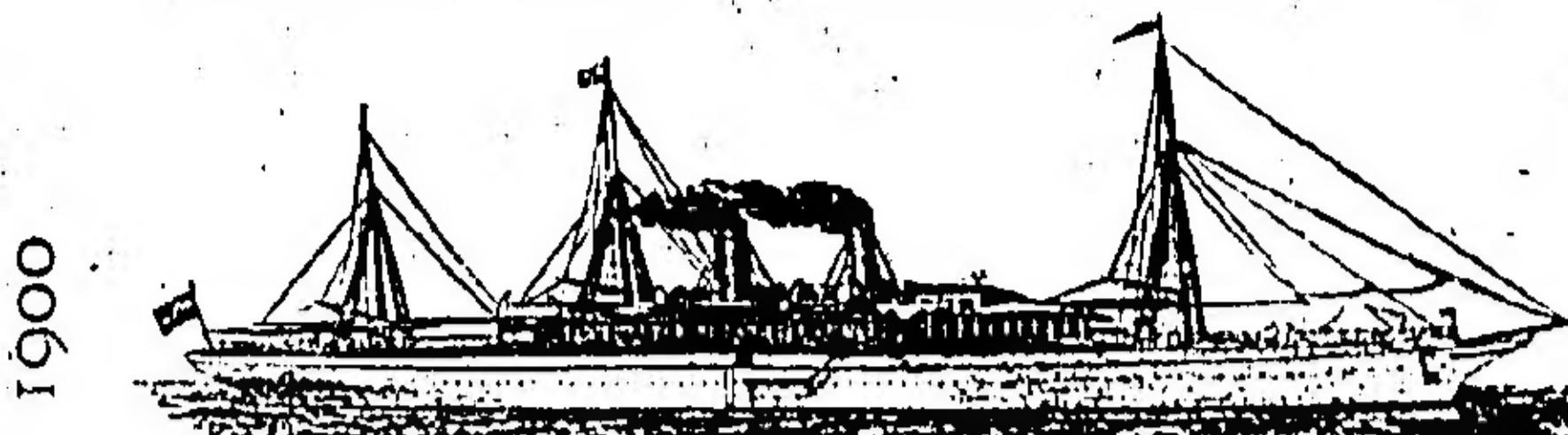
H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent, Hongkong,

4th December, 1899. [169]

Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.**



1900

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons 10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF INDIA ... Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th February.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN ... Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

EMPEROR OF CHINA ... Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent from THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers boarded through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Roddier Street, [13]

**NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.**

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Tacoma 12,811 | A. Dixon ... Jan. 30.

Glenngoe 13,750 | R. D. Jones ... Feb. 10.

ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH

OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Abercrombie 13,777 | J. Murray ... Feb. 5.

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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [169]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"VALETTA,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo in a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [15]

THE OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai), Tuesday, 13th Feb., at Noon.

Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu.

Doric (via Shanghai), Saturday, 10th Mar., at Noon.

Celtic (via Shanghai), Thursday, 5th April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to ports in Central America and South America, by the Company's connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

PLAN TO TUNNEL THE GIBRALTAR STRAITS.

GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING ADVANCED BY A FAMOUS FRENCH ENGINEER.

PARIS, December 15th.

A gigantic undertaking for tunnelling the Straits of Gibraltar is receiving attention now. M. Jean Berlier, a famous civil engineer, who is the author of the project, has just published in book form the result of his studies in connection with it. He considers that an international tunnel, uniting Spain and Morocco and prolonged by a railway from Tangiers to La Lalla Maghnia, would prove invaluable for the successful development of France's African colonies.

From soundings taken by him, M. Berlier has proved the existence of a compact rock formation across the straits, which guarantees solidity and impermeability. The undertaking, he says, would be no more difficult than the piercing of Mount Cenis. St. Gothard, Arlberg or Simplon. He adds that if diplomatic obstacles are not greater than the natural ones, success is certain.

M. Berlier estimates that a tunnel of forty-one kilometres (twenty-five and one-half miles) would cost \$123,000,000, and that the work would require seven years. He calculates that the connection of the lines of the Algerian Railway system and extension from Tangiers to La Lalla Maghnia would cost another \$18,000,000 or \$19,000,000, so that the whole enterprise would necessitate \$221,000,000. To offset this expense M. Berlier shows that the approximate yearly revenue would be \$15,500. He already has received the consent of the Spanish Government to the scheme and is working to obtain the authorization of the Moorish Government to create a tunnel terminus in its territory.—*S. F. Chronicle*.

IMPROVEMENT IN WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

PITTSBURG, December 17th.
Bold researches by Professor Reginald Fessenden and his assistant, Professor Kitner, in the electrical laboratory of the Western University of Pennsylvania have resulted in the production of a receiver for wireless telegraphy that is 200 times more sensitive than the so-called "coherer" of the Marconi system.

In speaking of the discovery Professor Fessenden said: "Although we have improved the receiver so that it is 2000 times as sensitive as the original one, we realize that we have not yet begun to see the limit. Marconi, in his brilliant experiments, has demonstrated that messages can be sent over ninety miles. As our receiver is several hundred times more sensitive, it is clear that the messages can be sent by our method very much farther, though just what the limit is I would not like to say. It at least should be possible to send messages across the Atlantic with poles less than 200 feet high. The ultimate distance must be checked by actual experiment before it becomes a scientific fact in the strictest sense."—*Call*.

NEW METHOD OF DETECTING GOLD.

A new method of detecting the presence of a small quantity of gold has been recently discovered by Dr. Ohler. By this method the presence of quantities as low as 77 centigrams per ton may be established. The operation is as follows: A quantity of finely powdered ore, say 120 grams, is introduced into a flask. To this an equal volume of tincture of iodine is added, and the mixture well agitated. It is then left an hour, agitating from time to time, and is finally allowed to stand. When the solution has separated, a band of filter paper is saturated, with this, and the paper allowed to dry. This operation is repeated five or six times in succession, in order to completely saturate the paper. It is afterward calcined, and it will be observed that the ash, when gold is present, offers a purple color. This color should disappear quickly if the ash is moistened with bromine water. The test may be modified in the following manner: A quantity of the powder, 120 grams, is covered with bromine water and after agitating during the course of an hour, the solution is filtered. Upon adding protocloride of tin to the solution it takes a purple color, in the presence of gold, giving the reaction known as "Purple of Cassius." In the case of sulphides the ore should be previously roasted, and when the mineral contains a considerable proportion of carbonate of lime, it should be calcined in the presence of ammonium carbonate.—*Mining and Engineering Review*.

AUSTRIAN COMPARISON.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, December 19th.
The reverses suffered by General Gatacre, Lord Methuen, and General Buller have given the Austrian Press almost inexhaustible material for a further series of open or veiled attacks on Great Britain.

Among the most interesting and suggestive of the comments of the Vienna Press is that of the *Algemeine Zeitung*, which writes:

"The present war in South Africa reminds us, in one respect, of the struggle which took place a few years ago between an Empire of four hundred million inhabitants and a small country with a much smaller population—we mean the Chino-Japanese War. It would be absurd to carry this comparison to far. Great Britain, even if defeated in this war, is the country of civilisation *par excellence*, whereas the Boers have little in common with Japanese culture. The result of the war in the Far East was a victory for western culture and civilisation; whereas the success of the Boers—in the present struggle, will be the reverse. The Chino-Japanese and the Anglo-Boer Wars can, however, be compared so far as they may produce similar results. After the Chino-Japanese War the world realised that China was an Empire of the past, a mere historical conception, incapable of a healthy, independent existence. The Far East question at once arose, and every Power to-day considers itself a rightful claimant to some strip of Chinese territory. An as soon as the weakness of China was realised its partition between the great nations of the earth began. Will not a similar development take place in the case of Great Britain? Is it not probable that the nations which envy the world-wide power, the vast possessions, and the unlimited riches of the British Empire will conclude from the progress of the war in South Africa that Great Britain, on the eve of decline and fall, and can, like China, be harassed with impunity?"

The *Neue Freie Presse* sharply criticises the strategy and tactics adopted by the British general, and ridicules the position of Lord Methuen, who little more than a month ago had his luggage labelled: "To Pretoria via Cape Town."

There has, remarks the *Neue Freie Presse*, been a serious accident on the way which is likely to delay traffic for some weeks to come. The British officers, according to the same journal, are amateur warriors, who commit suicide like so many butchers' victims, but who are not fit to conduct warfare on scientific lines!"

THE KOSZUTH PARTY.

A noteworthy incident occurred a day or two ago in the corridors of the Hungarian House of Deputies in Budapest. M. Benthalen,

member of the Magyar Independent Party, was collecting signatures from Deputies for a telegram of sympathy to President Kruger when he met M. Szilagyi, perhaps the most generally respected politician in Hungary. M. Benthalen promptly asked the great man for his signature, whereupon M. Szilagyi replied: "My signature to a telegram of sympathy to the Boers. No, certainly not. You are a member of the Party founded by Louis Kossuth, and yet you do not know what Hungary owes to Great Britain. Have you forgotten that Britain was the only country in which Kossuth could live in safety?"

"Yes," replied M. Benthalen, "I believe you are right," and the next moment the draft copy of the pro-Boer telegram was torn to pieces. No further effort has been made to send a friendly message of Great Britain's foes.—*Morning Post*.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Letters for the following persons lie unclaimed at the Post Office:

- Arnold, A. K.
- Angier, A. G.
- Abraham, J.
- Alford, Miss
- Arms, Fanny
- Armstrong, A.
- Alves & Co. Messrs.
- All, Miss
- Ansel, M.
- Armstrong
- Barker, A. M.
- Barton, W. T.
- Bückendorff, A.
- Brown Bros., N. P.
- Butt & Co.
- W. S.
- Blashevsky, A.
- Brown, R. A.
- Bisset & Co. Messrs.
- Baronian, Z. S.
- Burdett, B. de
- Bennet, J.
- Bennemer, Mr.
- Bennett, T.
- Blake, R. E.
- Baring, T.
- Banibigo, E. M.
- Bily, Angan
- Browning, Miss B.
- Burnett, L. C.
- Burris, G.
- Bickley
- Bambridge, Miss
- Bloom, Rosa
- Brooks, F.
- Berthier, T.
- Benjamin, D.
- Bannister, C.
- Bowles, C. E.
- Crook, Miss H. C.
- Charles, W. D.
- Cum Y., W. S.
- Close, C. G.
- Chirkhill, W.
- Christensen, Mrs. B.
- Crookshank, H.
- Cowell, J. M.
- Capps, W. L.
- Cinston, Miss E.
- Clarke, S. J.
- Craig, Miss A.
- Clifson, G.
- Chinavala, S. F.
- Crook, Miss N. C.
- Connery, R. H.
- Chan Yau Wing
- Guller, Miss R.
- Cardona, D. T.
- Cameron, D. C.
- Chambers, E. W.
- Crony, H.
- Cordova, F. H.
- Cox, Miss J. M.
- Charles, J. Capt.
- Worthington, O.
- Dawtershaw, Mrs.
- Durant, A.
- Dent, Capt. C. M.
- Delen, Mrs. L.
- Dubbers, A.
- Davidson, N. J.
- David, M. W.
- Deladenespa
- D'Arcy, Miss E.
- Doucey, C.
- Duncanson, D. M.
- Elias, A.
- Edwards, L.
- Fierman, M. H.
- Ferrant, Mons.
- Forster, R. C. H.
- Foster, L.
- Fong Hal
- France, G. Mr. and Mrs.
- Franklin, C. S. P.
- Fakir, Mohamed
- France, A. G.
- Gohde, Mrs. G.
- Goldman, G.
- Gordjan, Mons.
- Goldsby, S.
- Gulgoczy, Josephine von
- Glover, M.
- Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. E. S.
- Hudson, Lt. A. K.
- Hesketh, S. B.
- Heward, J. C.
- Hainimovich, E.
- Hill, Mrs.
- Hardouin, C.
- Hough, C. C.
- Hamilton, Miss E.
- Hopkins, R. G.
- Harrison, Miss L.
- Horn, C.
- Hoffman, G. M.
- Hunt, G.
- Hutchinson, G. W.
- Jill, J. A.
- Halder, H.
- Hamilton, Mrs. E.
- Hamilton, Capt. E.
- Hibbert, Mrs. M. A.
- Howard, Miss M.
- Hoopert, F. A.
- Hipolit, G.
- Ikesaki, Miss M.
- Ishibashi, M.
- Irvine, M.
- Johnson, G. C.
- Japan Importing and Exporting Co.
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- Jones, Miss A.
- Jones, Dr. R. F.
- Jackson, Miss Johnstone, Capt.
- Kynaston, A.
- Knoll, Miss L.
- Kelly, Mrs. B.
- Kimyo, Miss

Cates, Dr. F.

Cameron, Wm.

Carroll, J. R.

Cox, Mrs.

Cattanach, A.

Baker, J.

Dilbar Khan.

Ekman, Miss Ida

Ebrum, Munon

Foote, Miss E.

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Gromed Singh.

Gilchrist, T. O.

Hooper, G. W.

Hancock, W. St. J.

Harper, C.

Halverson, S. C.

Hamilton, E.

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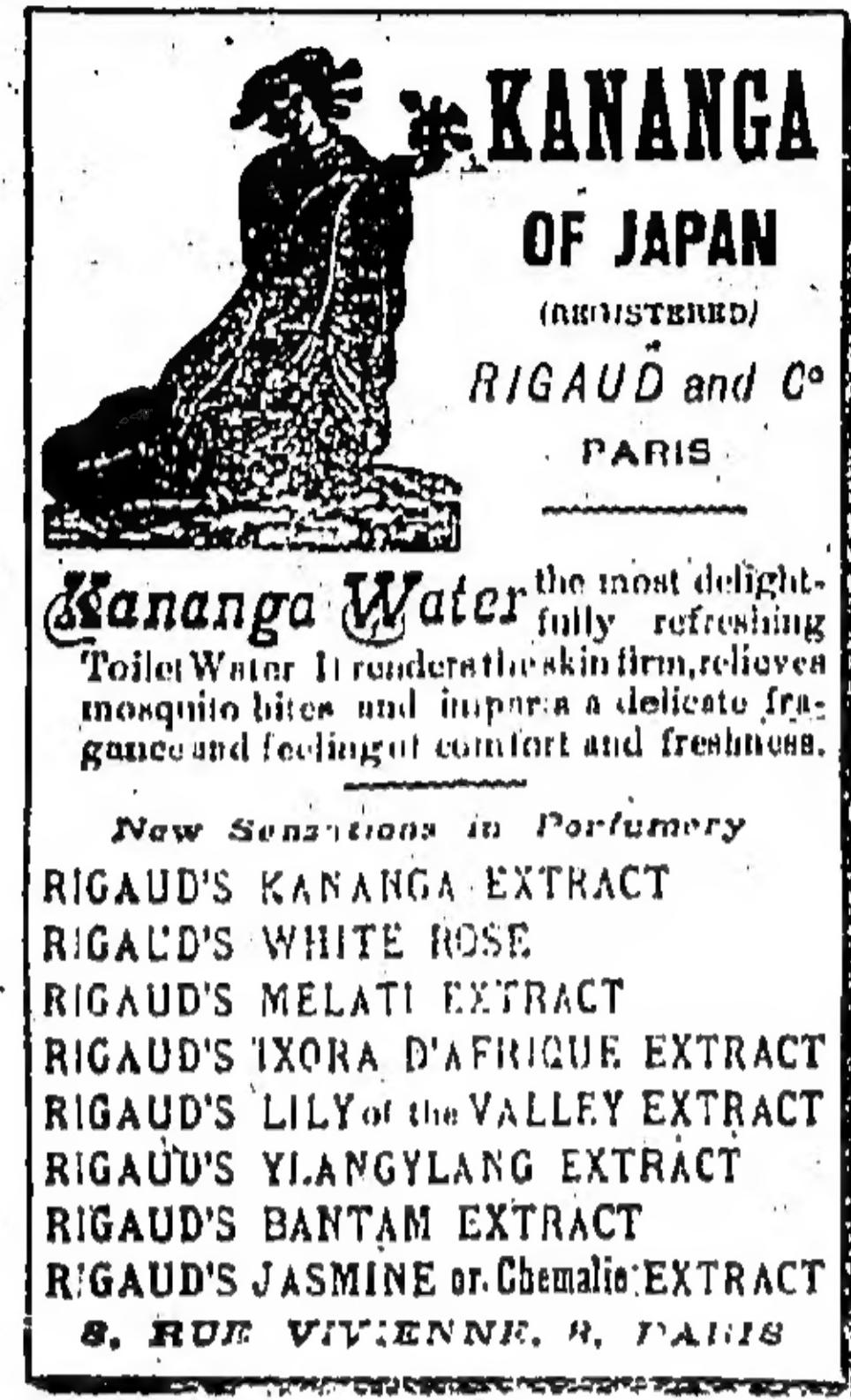
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LATEST QUOTATIONS.
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Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	\$125	339 1/2 premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Preference)	\$ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	\$ 4	1/2 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd., Do. Founders.....	\$ 8	\$26
Do. 20	\$ 1	20
Marine Insurances.		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$235
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	\$57
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	Tls. 180
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$115 buyers
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 20	\$24
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$335 buyers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 20	\$88
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited.....	\$ 15	\$31
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$80 sellers
China & Manilla S.S. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$85 buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$51
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Oriental).....	\$ 10	\$10 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Oriental).....	\$ 10	\$10
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.....	\$ 5	\$5
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.....	\$100	\$250
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$100	\$115 buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$100	\$47
Mining.		
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 6	\$6
Punjom Mining Preference Shares.....	\$ 1	\$1.30
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin.....	Frs. 250	\$3.20
Queen Mine, Ltd.....	25 cts.	\$0.30
Jelesbu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.....	\$ 5	\$138
Raub Atau Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	15s. 10d.	\$62
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	\$ 5	\$39
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	\$ 41	\$6
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 5	\$1
Do. (Preference) Do. 81	\$ 10	\$40
Boats, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$125	335 1/2 premium
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves & Godown Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$84
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.....	\$ 375	\$431
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$ 64	\$21
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.		
China Provident Loan & Mortgag Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$9.45
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$115 ex div.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 30	\$28
West Point Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$30 ex div.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$125
Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.....	\$100	\$40
International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 60
Lau-kung-mowg Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 65
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 500	Tls. 375
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 54
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$29
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.....	\$ 15	\$15
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	\$ 10	\$16
Watkins, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$10
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$10
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Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.....	£ 10	\$135
Hongkong Hope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$300
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	\$48
H'kong Ic Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	\$142
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Hongkong, 26th January.	Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Hongkong.
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/11/16.	Zinnia, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Wuchow.
"	Credits, 4 months' sight 1/11/16/16.
"	D'ments, 4 months' sight 2/10/16.
ON BERLIN, (demand).....	M. 2.01
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand.....	2.47
"	Credits, 4 months' sight, 2.52
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand.....	47
"	Credits, 30 days' sight, 48
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer.....	144
"	On demand.....
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer.....	71
"	Private, 30 days' sight, 72
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	34 per cent. prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate.....	\$10.23
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael.....	53.30
Bar Silver.....	27
Dollars.....	34 per cent. prem.
VESSELS IN PORT.	
Steamers.	
ÆOLUS, British steamer, 1,845, W. Kirkwood, 24th Jan.—Cardiff 2nd Dec., Cons.—Navy Yard.	Admiral, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Kwang-chau-wan.
AMERICA MARU, Japanese steamer, 6,210, P. H. Going, 18th Jan.—San Francisco 21st Dec., Honolulu 28th, Yokohama 10th Jan., Kobe 12th, Nagasaki 13th, and Shanghai 15th, Mails and General—J. S. Van Buren.	Kersaint, 3rd class cruiser, 1,243 tons, 13 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Capt. de la Motte du Portal, at Saigon.
ARRATOON APCAR, British steamer, 2,879, E. Fay, 25th Jan.—Calcutta 31st Dec., and Singapore 16th, and Singapore 19th, Opium and General—David Sission, Sons & Co.	Orlando, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. Burke, Hongkong.
BOMHAY, British steamer, 2,047, G. M. Montford, R.N.R., 25th Jan.—Yokohama 10th Jan., General—F. P. & S. N. Co.	Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. S. G. Douglas, Hongkong.
BURDON, British steamer, 1,960, W. Wilson, 25th Jan.—Cardiff 3rd Dec., Cons.—Admiralty Admiralty.	Phoenix, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong.
Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 100 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. W. E. Hillman, on the West River.	Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Wei-hai-wei.
Redpole, British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. Haworth Booth, Shanghai.	Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. O. V. de M. Cowper, Manila.
Waterwitch, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Comdr. W. P. Woolton, Hongkong.	Swallow, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 770 i.h.p., Hongkong.
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 600 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.	Tamari, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.
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Wizir, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 770 i.h.p., Hongkong.	Victorious, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Hongkong.
Wizir, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 770 i.h.p., Hongkong.	Unadanta, 1st class cruiser